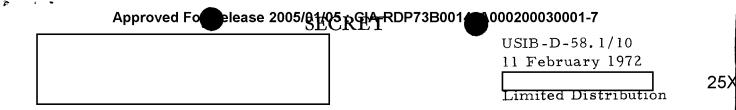
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weapons and US intelligence capabilities, and the other on warning capabilities against strategic attack. In addition, he and the Coordinating Group found opportunities to assist in creating better communications among collectors and analysts in the China field.

"My appointment as DCI China Coordinator dates from November 1970. I have been the beneficiary of the essential work of my predecessors, on the one hand, and on the other I have presided over the Coordinating Group during a time when the China intelligence problem has been transformed from the pursuit of a coterie to the central concern of a whole bureaucracy.

"The July 1971 announcement of President Nixon's intention to visit Peking and the October United Nations action have meant that China has been receiving top-level attention in the Administration and particularly within the Intelligence Community. Generalists at the top have been doing their homework on China and specialists have been kept on their toes with calls for assistance. The commanders and managers have been using all normal available lines of communication, liaison and command to deal with China needs, just as they do in the case of the Soviet Union. The various USIB committees have all found that China has been in the forefront of their concern. This, I feel certain, will continue to be the case. There is no lack of available committees and forums in which China business can be thrashed out.

"In these circumstances the DCI China Coordinator has had an understandably diminishing role. At the start it was advantageous that his anomalous geographic responsibility placed him across the path of other duly constituted reviewing and advisory elements in the Community. The arrangement now looks a bit like a fifth wheel.

'' Of perhaps equal weight	in reaching a recommendation to termi-
nate this function is the current st	ate of the Community's capability to
	is of the risk of seeming complacent, I
am bound to report that there has	been significant improvement across
the board over where we were two	or three years ago. Much of the
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has been able to participate in some of th	e programs involved in this
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and opinions with me in recent months.	
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